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Printing Establishments in Kaunas

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1. "Spindulys" (The Ray), built in 1928, was considered the largest printing shop in Lithuania. It was a well constructed building, three stories high, and had a basement. The walls were of brick and the building had steel joists. It was located at 11 Misku Galve (Street of the Forests) [See Sketch #1 on Enclosure and #1 in blue ink on map "Stadtplan Von Koruno Sonderausgabe III 4," available at the CIA Map Library.] The printing shop was equipped with the latest European and US machinery. Facing the street was an old two-story building which the Soviets used (1941) for editing the Communist daily newspaper "Tiesa".
2. "Zaibas" (Lightning) was located at Duonelaicio Galve 28 [See Sketch #2 on Enclosure and #2 in blue ink on map.] This was a smaller shop but also equipped with modern machinery. The Soviets used this shop for printing a daily Communist newspaper called "Tarybu Lietuva" (Soviet Lithuania), and Communist books. The building also housed the local editor of one of the Soviet daily newspapers. The shop was in two sections with the old section nearest the street and the new, two-story brick section extending into the yard.
3. "Varpas" (The Bell) was located at Gedimino Galve 27 [See Sketch #3 on Enclosure and #3 in blue ink on map.] It was formerly used to publish a Kaunas daily newspaper. It was an old two-story brick building and during the Soviet occupation, was used for printing Communist books.
4. "Raide" (The Letter) was located on the corner of Kestucio and Kalejimo Alley. This was a new two-story building constructed of brick and was used especially for printing books. [See #4 in blue ink on map.]
5. "Vilnius" (Vilno) was a book printing shop but of lesser importance than the others [See #5 in blue ink on map.]

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6. "Sviesa" (The Light) was located at the corner of Rotuses aikste and Jakslo Galve. An old two-story brick building. Communist books were printed (1941) in its book printing shop. /See #6 on map in blue ink/. 50X1

7. "Spandor Fondor" (Fund of the Press) was located on Vytauto Prospektas 25. /See Sketch #4 on Enclosure and #7 in blue ink on map/. The building was new, of solid construction, and had three stories and a good basement. This was the center of all Communist publishing establishments. The basement of this building also served as a warehouse for books, paper, and office equipment.

#### III. Administrative, Military, and Educational Buildings

8. The Secretary General of the Communist Party and his staff occupied the former "Zemes Bankas" (Land Bank) building, a large four-story brick building of very solid construction; it had the strongest air raid shelter in its basement. /See #1 on map in red ink/.

9. "Apskrities Savivaldybe" (County Community Building) was a large four-story brick building of excellent construction and was located on the corner of Laisves aleja and Vytauto Prospektas. /See #2 on map in red ink/. The Soviets had their entire security police staff in this building and the basement had many cells for prisoners. A special building in the court yard, formerly a garage, contained the torture chambers.

10. A seven-story well-constructed building, where the highest ranking Soviets had their offices, stood on the corner of Laisves Alvia and Tolstojus Galve. /See #3 on map in red ink/. This building also had a large, well constructed, air raid shelter in the basement.

11. "Pranga" was a new five-story building used by the Red Army and the Communist Youth Organization. This building was partially damaged during World War II. /See #4 on map in red ink/.

#### III. Educational Buildings (not shown on map)

12. The former "Karininkis Ramova" building was used by the Soviet army for educational and entertainment purposes. Part of this new three-story building housed a large auditorium which extended into the court yard at the rear. The entire establishment was located on the corner of two streets and had an area of approximately 250 square yards.

13. "Prekybos Ruma" (Chamber of Commerce) was a large new four-story building. It was built of brick. The general headquarters of the Soviet army occupied this building during their stay in Kaunas.

#### III. Vital Installations of Kaunas (shown on map in red ink Roman numerals)

- I, II - Wheat flour mills, main producers of flour for the city.
- III - Grain elevators and storage warehouses.
- IV - Meat processing plant (supplied not only Kaunas but also exported to USSR).
- V, VI - Creameries, dairies, and milk distribution centers.
- VII, VIII - Electric power stations.
- IX, X - Water pumping stations.
- XI - Main bakery of Kaunas

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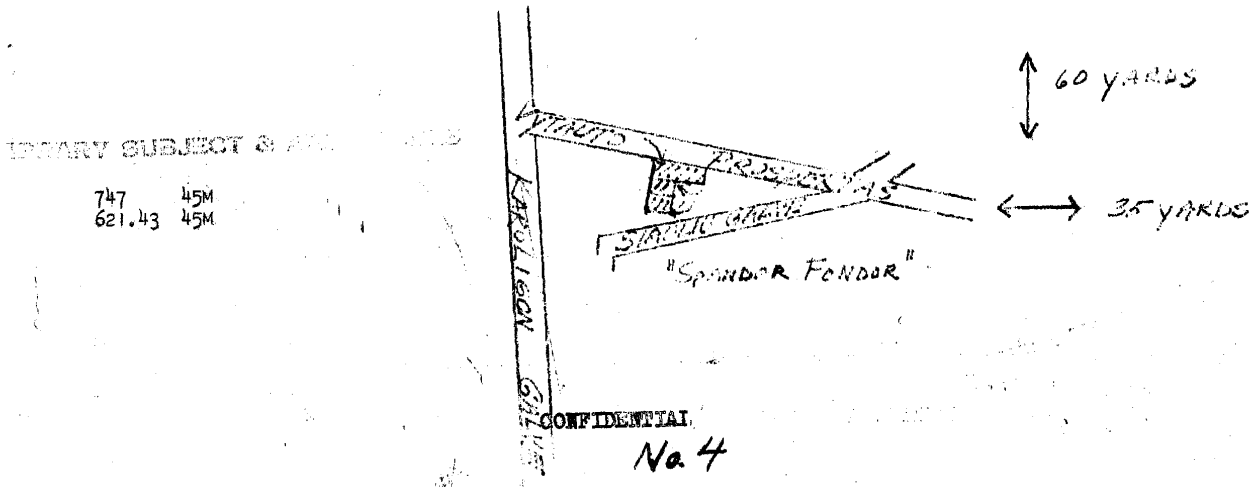
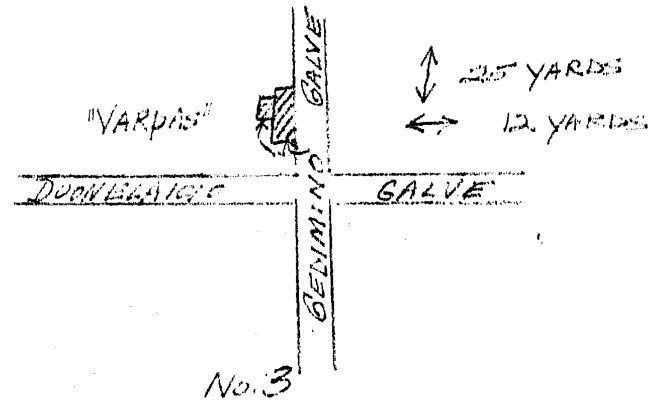
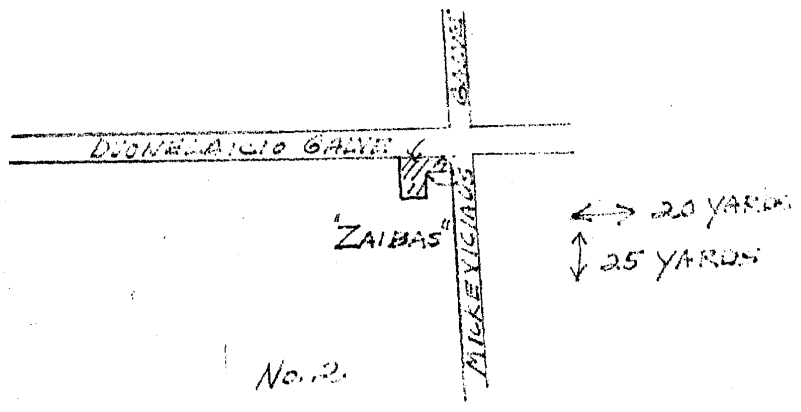
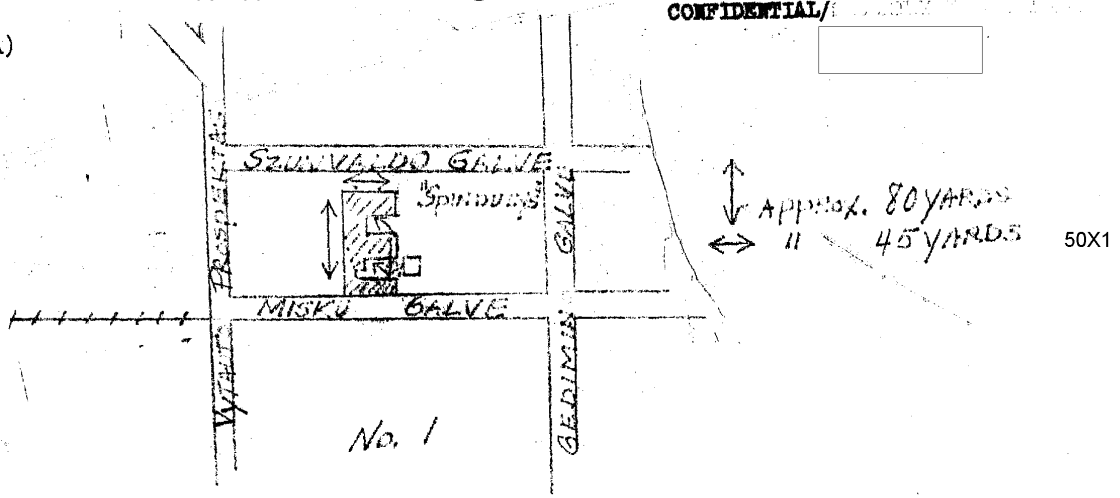
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ENCLOSURE (A): Four Sketches (not to scale) Showing in Detail the Location of Four of the Printing Establishments

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ENCLOSURE (A)



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